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**Nesper, et al.** )  
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Application No.: **10/718,851** )  
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Filed: **November 20, 2003** )  
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For: **IMPLANT FOR FIXING BONE PLATES** )

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,021,059	Kensley et al.	Jun 04, 1991
5,921,986	Bonutti	Jul 13, 1999

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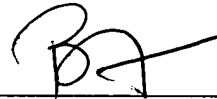
Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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	AA	5,021,059	06/04/1991	Kensey et al.			
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